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Public Utility Commission of Texas
c/o Thomas Gleeson, Executive Director
William B. Travis Building, 1701 Congress Ave
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RE: Dkt. 52557 - Texas Energy Reliability Council

Dear Mr. Gleeson:

I am writing to express my genuine interest and ability to serve on the Texas Energy Reliability Council ("TERC" or "Council"). My current position affords me considerable opportunity and sufficient time to perform the duties and responsibilities associated with membership on the Council. Furthermore, I am interested in serving as either an investor-owned representative or as a designated member of the Council.

As you know, the approval of SB 3 during the 87th Texas Legislative session allowed for the official creation of the Council and commissioned it with ensuring that the energy and electric industry meet the high-priority human needs of Texans, address critical infrastructure concerns, and enhance and better coordinate communication in and between the energy and electric industries of Texas. I believe my nearly 25 years of both government and regulatory professional experience, in both the ERCOT market and with a non-ERCOT utility, make me uniquely qualified to serve, reach consensus, add value, improve communications and increase coordination between the industries and the Public Utility Commission and Railroad Commission.

CenterPoint Energy is an investor-owned utility that has had the privilege of serving Texans for more than 150 years in the greater Houston metroplex. As you know, the Houston area economy is home to many of the energy sectors for Texas and the nation's oil and gas industries, as well as home to vibrant and vital health care services, biomedical research, and the aerospace sector. The company is committed to providing safe and reliable electric and natural gas service to our communities and continue to fulfill the needs of a growing economy, at the same time planning for future development.

As the Vice President of Regulatory Relations and Policy for CenterPoint Energy, I have the privilege of overseeing the company's strategic interaction with Public Utility

Commission of Texas (PUCT) regulatory staff, Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT) personnel, industry, and third-party stakeholders, to advance and clarify the company's positions on various regulatory issues, policy issues, applications, reports, and correspondence. I'm comfortable working with both statutory and regulatory information and strive to collaboratively communicate the information with cross-functional teams and departments to ensure regulatory information is interpreted and successfully implemented.

Additionally, my current position has allowed me to successfully develop and manage relationships among diverse constituencies, policymakers, ERCOT electric industry segments, as well as representatives of oil and gas companies, and interested third-party external stakeholders. CenterPoint Energy also provides natural gas services in Texas, and seven other states, providing me with a unique perspective and experience on the needs of both energy services and how they rely on each other.

Moreover, my current position affords me the necessary time to fulfill the duties and responsibilities of the Council as I recognize the importance of making timely and critical decisions, while still fostering an atmosphere that supports teamwork and consistency. Before my current position, I worked for more than 10-years for a fully integrated utility operating in a portion of Texas. I believe these two perspectives allow me greater insight to better address the challenges facing the energy and electric industries for the benefit of all Texans.

My professional work experiences and interactions with both policymakers and regulatory agencies, coupled with my professional background have fully prepared me with the servant-leadership competencies, knowledge, and skills necessary to fulfill the responsibilities and duties required to successfully serve on the Council. My ability to listen to and work, while seeking inclusive goal-oriented solutions with diverse groups and interests, will be vital assets for the council.

In summary, I believe my professional and educational experiences demonstrate initiative, a capacity for analytical problem solving, strong servant leadership skills, and a commitment to understanding the pressing needs facing Texas. Thank you for your time and consideration of my application.

Respectfully,


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Patrick Reinhart is Vice President, Texas Electric Regulatory Relations and Policy of CenterPoint Energy. In this role, he is responsible for leading the company's activities at the Public Utility Commission of Texas, which regulates its Houston electric utility, and strategic engagement with Electric Reliability Council of Texas.

Professional Experience

CenterPoint Energy, <i>Vice President – Regulatory Relations & Policy</i>	Sept. 2020 – present
El Paso Electric Company, <i>Vice President - Governmental Affairs</i>	Oct. 2018 – Sept. 2020
El Paso Electric Company, <i>Assistant Vice President – Texas External Affairs</i>	Dec. 2011 – Oct. 2018
El Paso Electric Company, <i>Director, External Affairs</i>	May 2010 – Dec. 2011

During his career, Patrick has attained extensive public policy development, advocacy and implementation experience. Over the years, he held a variety of positions representing and advocating for real estate development interests, telecommunications, utility energy and renewable energy companies interests before both the Texas and New Mexico legislatures, the executive branch of government, federal and state regulatory agencies, federal and state industry trade associations and other stakeholder groups. Patrick also worked in the area of public policy development and implementation at an Austin area law firm, served as the chief of staff to two Texas state representatives and a *Fortune 100* telecommunications company.

Academic Background

The University of Texas School of Law, Doctor of Jurisprudence in 2008

St. Mary's University, Master of Arts, Public Administration in 1990

St. Mary's University, Bachelor of Arts, Public Justice & Political Science in 1988

Professional Associations

Texas Economic Development Corporation, <i>designee</i>	2017 – 2020
Texas Business Leadership Council, <i>designee</i>	2015 – 2020
Texas Energy Poverty Research Institute: Board Member	2015 – 2020
<i>Chair</i>	2018 – 2019
New Mexico State University Center Public Utilities Advisory Council	2014 – 2020
Association of Electric Companies of Texas: Board of Directors	2010 – 2020
<i>Chair</i>	2020 – 2020
<i>Vice Chair</i>	2018 – 2019
<i>Environmental Market Sector, Vice Chair</i>	2018 – 2019
<i>Regulated Market Sector Council, Chair</i>	2011 – 2012
Texas Association of Mexican American Chamber of Commerce	2004 – 2005
<i>Vice-Chair Corporate Partners Council</i>	



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Re: *PUCT Project No. 52557, Interim Instructions for Expressing Interest in Texas Energy Reliability Council Appointment*

Dear Mr. Gleeson:

As President and Chief Executive Officer of CenterPoint Energy, I recommend the appointment of Patrick Reinhart, Vice President, Texas Electric Regulatory Relations and Policy of CenterPoint Energy, to the Texas Energy Reliability Council (TERC). He has the full support of myself and the other members of the CenterPoint Energy electric and gas leadership team.

I believe strongly that our relationship with our regulatory agencies is paramount to being able to successfully operate our businesses. I am very familiar with the representation Patrick's did with the PUCT before and since he came to work with CenterPoint Energy. During his short tenure with the company, Patrick has demonstrated his commitment to open communications with both the PUCT and ERCOT and I am sure will bring that same level of commitment to TERC. During Winter Storm Uri and Hurricane Nicholas that impacted our safe and reliable delivery of energy to customers in the Houston area, he demonstrated an unwavering commitment to informing the PUCT and ERCOT. His dedicated work, and nearly 25 years of experience as a legislative and regulatory professional, align well with TERC's important task to ensure that Texas' electric and natural gas industries address the critical infrastructure concerns that might impact human needs during an adverse event.

I believe Patrick's skillset and knowledge will add tremendous value to the Council, representing investor-owned utilities and promoting information sharing among the sectors it comprises.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dave Lesar", written over a horizontal line.

Dave Lesar
President and Chief Executive Officer
CenterPoint Energy